TO THE WORSHIPFUL

John Edwards, Esq; Mayor,

The Aldermen, Bailiffs, Burgesses,

And the Rest of the Worthy Inhabitants of the Town of NORTHAMPTON,

This Yearly BILL of MORTALITY

Is presented by their most Obedient and Humble Servant,

Richard Claridge.

The Bill of Mortality within the Parish of *All-Saints* in the Town of *Northampton*, from the 21st Day of *Dec.* 1767, to the 21st Day of *Dec.* 1768; inclusive of the Persons (in Number 6) buried from the *County Infirmary*. And also those buried at the *Quakers* Burying-Ground 3. The Meeting in *College-Lane* 4. The Meeting on the *Green* 0.

Diseases.											
Abortive and Stilborn	5	Asthma	5	Consumption	24	Inflamation	2	Jaundice	0
Aged	11	Palsey	3	Convulsion	3	Fevers	10	Fits	18
Suddenly	3	Chincough	2	Dropsy	7	Mortification	3	Thrush	1
		Gravel	2	Teeth	4	Small-Pox	0		

WHEREOF HAVE DIED,

Under Two Years old	33	Ten and Twenty	6	Forty and Fifty	6	Seventy and Eighty	12
Between Two and Five	3	Twenty and Thirty	6	Fifty and Sixty	7	Eighty and Ninety	2
Five and Ten	5	Thirty and Forty	10	Sixty and Seventy	9	Ninety and a Hundred	0

	CHRISTENED.			BURIED.		
	Males	Females	*Total.*	Males	Females	*Total.*
All-Saints. - -	48	53	101	48	55	103
St. Sepulchre's.	14	14	28	16	18	34
St. Giles's. - -	20	15	35	16	18	34
St. Peter's. - -	4	2	6	6	9	15
At the Meeting in St. *Peter*'s Parish - - -				10	5	15
In the whole Town.	86	84	170	96	105	201
	Increased - -		26	Decreased - -		6

— FOR WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? IT IS EVEN A VAPOUR THAT APPEARETH FOR A LITTLE TIME, AND THEN VANISHETH AWAY. James, Chap. iv. latter Part of Ver. 14.

I've ask'd my Acquaintance all around,
Nor One among them have I found
That likes to tread Poetic Ground.
Be kind then, Reader, *and excuse*
These Firstlings of my own poor Muse,
That strives to tread in Sternhold's *Shoes.*

I.

Of all the various Things on Earth
Nothing can be so sure
As is th' impartial Heel of DEATH,
Which kicks at ev'ry Door.

II.

The King (God bless him) 'fore whose Pow'r
Tho' all the *French* should fly,
Must fall (tho' Doctors him surround)
As well as You or I.

III.

Invention never yet could see
One of her Arts prevail,
For Med'cines, like the *Pope* of *Rome*,
Infallible, do fail.

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IV.

DEATH, mighty Monarch! do not boast
For ever thus to reign;
Thy slaught'ring Arm shall vanquish'd be,
And we shall *rise again.*

V.

The Sheers of sure ETERNITY
Shall clip TIME's longest Wing:
Then, Grave, *where is thy Victory?*
Then, Death, *where is thy Sting?* *

* 1 Cor. xv. 55.